

PREMIER SIFTON AT MANNVILLE

Splendid Enthusiasm Meeting
Held in His Interests. Puffer
and Holden Speak

Bulletin Special.

Mannville, Alta., June 22.—Premier Sifton held a splendid meeting here tonight. The hall was well filled, many coming from outlying districts. The Premier was in fine form and the frequent outbursts of applause evoked the hearty approval of the great majority of the audience of both Mr. Duncan Marshall, J. B. Holden and W. F. Puffer.

Mr. Puffer, who was the first speaker, said he had known the Premier for a number of years and he paid tribute to his management of the department of public works in the territorial government. He said the numbers and the press of the province were practically unanimous that the right man was in the right place. The successful premier in Canada had been lawyers, and Mr. Sifton would be no exception.

Mr. Holden congratulated the constituency on having the Premier as a candidate. He had every faith in the Premier, and he declared that he would make good and would be the best of the job. When he said "the" he meant it. It was not hard to say it when it should be said. He urged the towns along the line to show their voting strength, and he was sure they would be proud of the Premier as their representative. He wanted it distinctly understood that he was supporting Premier Sifton in every way possible.

Muster of Agriculture.
Hon. Duncan Marshall said the constituency had been offered the un-

usual honor of giving its seat to the head of the government. He took up the text of the pamphlet circulated by the opposition, which seemed to imply that the Premier was in a bad form. He thought it appropriate that the text was in pink, a weak color. He answered the questions contained in the pamphlet in a telling manner, which drew alternately applause and laughter from his hearers. It was strange, he said, that the party which changed premier five times in two years without one election should be so weak. He said he was not the least Governor had not dissolved the House when Premier Sifton was chosen. The fact that Puffer and Holden were on the platform was proof of Premier Sifton's power to unite the Liberal party. This was why the Conservatives were so much troubled, they knew their walk in the wilderness would be a long and weary one with such a leader as Sifton. No man had made such a sacrifice as Premier Sifton to accept the leadership of the party in a crisis, and this fact should rally Liberals about him as a man who thought more of the province than of himself. The question before the electors was whether Premier Sifton or Mr. Clark had the greater aptitude for public service. The electors could do the province no greater service than to vote for Premier Sifton.

The Conservatives were expressing horror at the election of a new premier without a general election. When they had done the same five times in three years after the death of Sir John Macdonald. It reminded him of the saying a successful horse trader once gave him: "Let the other fellow examine your horse first, and where he looks for himself on your horse you look there on his."

Frederic Wall Received.
The Premier was warmly received. He followed somewhat similar lines as at Irma last night, holding the audience's close attention and drawing frequent applause as he described the broad duty before the government of a splendid province. He said he had continued Mr. Marshall because

he had the qualifications of experience for the position and had not had a chance to show what was in him. He himself was not posted on the subject. He came alone and was tendered the unanimous nomination by the Liberal convention. With the electors lay the power to say whether he should represent the constituency or not. He did not admit that it was a sacrifice in laying aside any position to accept the premiership of Alberta. A Conservative speaker last night said he did it to save the party. He would say the party which had changed things from what it was in Conservative days to what it now is was worth saving for the people of the country.

Like the Constitution.

His rejection in Vermilion might not mean his retirement from the Premiership, but it would certainly not mean the elevation of his opponent to that office. When he was offered the opportunity of being the candidate in Vermilion he thought it was the kind of constituency he would like to represent, and he was well satisfied it was inhabited by people who were not looking for government jobs, but for the help the government could legitimately give them in making their own way. He had been told, too, that they were of a retiring disposition and that they and his friends had to be forced on them. This might have flattered him. He would, if elected, never be afraid to come back to Vermilion for fear of broken promises. There would be none of these because no promises were made. It was not the business of a member to gain election by bribing the people with promises. The man who went to the House bound by unfair promises was not in a position to serve the rest of the province fairly. He would not intimate that Vermilion would get more if he were a member, but it would certainly get very considerable attention and what could be done fairly and honestly would do him credit.

The Railway Policy.
The railway policy would aim at extensions until every settlement could send its produce to markets easily, and for the roads the government, with the assistance of the people, must make access to railway points easy. This must be the continuous policy of the government till it was accomplished. More money than the government received now was raised by local improvement districts and sometimes wanted to build roads for individual rather than for the general benefit. Roads first should be provided to the nearest elevator and trading point.

If moved by cheating he would accord affairs that he could come back in four years and say he had done his best to place Alberta in its proper position as the banner province and to restore the party into whose hands the destinies of the province had been committed for the time.

A question came from Mr. McAllister, a candidate of the Conservative nomination at the last election as to what the Premier's opinion was of the A. & G.W. system and what he would do about it. The Premier said he would have to answer, as elsewhere, that in this as in other matters he must ask for the confidence of the people. No member of the cabinet or the legislature had asked

the question because they understood it was impossible for him to answer. There were two reasons. First the Royal Commission had not reported and could not report till the legislature met. Second the sum of \$7,000,000 was lying in the bank for which the people were responsible. The company had a contract signed, sealed and executed and the cancelling of it would be a serious business. If it must be done, it must be in the best possible legal manner. A lawyer, who, occupying such a position, would give the A. & G.W. Company or the other three large corporations very anxious to get the money, information as to what the government was going to do, would be unworthy of confidence. That was his position and he did not intend to violate his trust. He, therefore, must decline to give any information. This eloquent statement was greeted with hearty applause.

HAD TOO MUCH LIQUOR.

Yesterday afternoon a man who had evidently imbibed sufficient intoxicating liquor to render his exit somewhat untidy and the operations of his mind more or less confused, attempted to mount a saddle horse that was tied up outside the bank of Nova Scotia on Jasper avenue.

Falling in his efforts to mount the horse, he proceeded to kick the animal with considerable vigor and was engaged in this exercise when the owner of the horse appeared. A crowd soon gathered and a constable appeared. As the drunk showed no inclination to depart he was at the request of the owner of the horse, seized and removed to the police station, where by this time he is doubtless, both sober and sorry.

NO TRACE OF POISONING.

The inquest on the late John Lambert, eight watchmen at the Parliament buildings who were found dead yesterday morning at the agricultural office was begun yesterday afternoon by Mr. J. A. Foran at Connely & McKim's undertaking home. The evidence of Frank Bradley, who found the body, and several friends of the deceased was taken and the inquest adjourned to be held till Friday afternoon in order to allow of a postmortem.

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